MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether, in the light of the remission of tax that they have made in regard to other subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja, the Government have considered it necessary to advise the Chief on the matter and, if not, why?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The people concerned could make a representation to the Chief; and if the Chief refuses to accede to the request, then they may approach Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are the Government aware that repeated representations were made to the Chief and they were all met with stern refusal at his hands?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know why Government did not advise the Chief in this matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government thought that this was a matter which should be settled by the Chief and the people concerned and that it was not expedient for Government to interfere.

PRESIDENT: All these questions are matters of opinion, and it is no use challenging one view by another.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Did the Government feel that the ryots are in need of relief?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably since other cultivators of this State have been given relief, it would have been proper if the Chief had granted the same relief to his tenants.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why the Government did not advise the Chief to do so?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it expedient to interfere, as it is a matter to be settled by the Chief and his tenants.

*Road from Punnamoodu to the Vellayani Temple.*

28. * MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): With respect to the answer to question No. 74 of the last session of the Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Chief Engineer submitted the report to Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any final order on the report?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) On 9-5-1935.

(*b*) No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know, Sir, whether at least after the receipt of the interpellation the Chief Engineer had addressed the Government to the effect that this matter should be treated as urgent?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The Chief Engineer did not ask the Government to treat this as urgent.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the shortest period within which usually a report is sent to Government for final orders?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not know. It all depends on the matter the report contains.

*Cut in the salary of Government servants.*

29. ❋ MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accepted the resolution passed in the Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the cut in the salary of the Government servants in the State; and

(*b*) the reasons for not giving effect to this representation?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*). In view of the standardization of salaries, that was then in contemplation and subsequently brought into effect, Government consider that no further action is necessary for the time being on the resolution in question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the date on which the resolution was passed in this House?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I think it was during the Budget Session last year. I do not remember the exact date.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the date on which the standardization scheme was given effect to?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The standardization scheme was given effect to from the 1st Edavam 1110.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government whether it was given effect to after giving an opportunity to this House to express its opinion?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether, according to the standardization scheme, the salary of permanent public servants has been reduced in 1110?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes; of those who newly enter service after Edavam 1110.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the amount thus saved by Government?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to say exactly.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know at least approximately?

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